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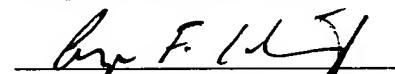
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**As noted in the specification for the present application, German Patent Application No. DE 101 24 803 corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. US 2002/0176166 A1.**  
**Additionally, the English Language Abstract for this reference is submitted herewith. German Patent Application DE 103 24 468.9 is cited on page four of the specification for the present application. Since this German Patent Application has not been published, a copy of this Application as filed on March 5, 2003, is enclosed.**

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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